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SUBJECT: // N 03128 // CARIBONE-73 PORT VISIT REQUEST REQUEST.

1. FRENCH NAVY CANNOT APPROVE VISIT APRIL 28-29 BECAUSE BRAZILIAN WARSHIP EXPECTED THOSE DAYS.

2. WHILE FRENCH NAVY ALWAYS MOST HELPFUL, SHIPS AS LARGE AS TRENT

POSE SEVERE STRAIN ON LOCAL RESOURCES. FRENCH NAVY REQUESTS THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE PORT VISITS FRENCH WEST INDIES BE MADE BY VESSELS OF SMALLER SIZE.

3. HAD FRENCH NAVY NOT VETOED PROPOSED VISIT, CONSULATE WOULD RELUCTANTLY HAVE HAD TO REQUIRE POSTPONEMENT. ONE OF CONSULATES TWO OFFICERS NOW ON MONTHS LEAVE. MOREOVER, THIS TINY CONSULATE UNABLE SUPPORT VISITS ONLY THREE MONTHS APART (COMPHIBRON SIX VISITED MARTINIQUE ABOARD USS NASHVILLE JANUARY 29-31). TWO NAVY VISITS PER YEAR, OR EXCEPTIONALLY THREE, ALL CONSULATE CAN HANDLE.

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